

AFFAIRS IN BROOKLYN.

A FLOOR DROPS INTO THE CELLAR.

While the several hundred men employed in the F. W. Winstone wagon, spring and axle manufactory, in Kent avenue, south sixth-st., were at work on the upper floors of the building yesterday afternoon they were startled by a terrific crash which shook the building from floor to cellar. The crash had been caused by the ground floor, on which were stored nearly 700 tons of iron, giving away. Immediately there was a mad rush for the street, as it was expected the whole building would collapse. The crash had been heard a block away, and a few minutes later hundreds of people were at the place. Many persons were believed at first to have been killed, but all but one man escaped with slight bruises, received in their anxiety to reach a place of safety. The building is one of the largest of the kind in Brooklyn, and has a footage of 150 feet in Kent avenue, and 100 feet in Sixth-st. It is three stories high.

The only man at work on the floor which gave way was Julius Schneider. He fell with the many tons of iron, but escaped without serious injury. As a rule, more than fifty men are at work daily on this floor. They had all gone to the upper floors of the building a few minutes before the crash came. Schneider's left leg was badly crushed and he received several wounds about the head. He was taken to his home. The immense weight on the floor was the cause of the collapse, and the iron was thrown through the cellar, tearing away the supports and beams. Mr. Winstone said he could not account for the accident.

THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN ADJOURNS.

At the meeting of the Brooklyn Board of Aldermen yesterday afternoon, resolutions in honor of Mr. Blaine's memory were offered by Alderman Thomas and adopted by unanimous vote. The Board adjourned at a quarter of eight. Supervisors Luchow and introduced resolutions of similar purport at the meeting of the Kings County Board of Supervisors yesterday and they were adopted unanimously.

TWENTY DOLLARS FOR A KISS.

George Baker, stage carpenter with the "Dark Secret" company, who completed a week's engagement at the Lee Avenue Theatre on Saturday night, was arraigned before Justice Goetting yesterday on complaint of Jessie Turner, a fourteen-year-old girl. The girl played the juvenile part in the play. On Friday night she says Baker went to her dressing-room, kissed her against her will. She then caused his arrest. The magistrate imposed a fine of \$20.

BLUMENBERG, THE PLAINTIFF, ARRESTED.

The condition of President Simon Danto, of the congregation Beth Ashab-Israhel, who was assaulted in a fight in the synagogue a week ago, has assumed a serious aspect. Yesterday one of his sons went to the Essex street Police Court and informed the magistrate that his father had not eaten anything since the assault. He was unconscious at times, Samuel Blumenberg, who is charged with the assault upon Danto, was in court. Blumenberg had preferred charges against Joseph Rosenberg, Aaron Sheinfeld and Jacob Polnerberg. He also charged Danto with assault, but owing to his condition he had not been arrested. On the affidavit of Danto's son, Blumenberg was at once arrested and was held in default of \$1,000 bail.

HE DECIDES AGAINST THE ALDERMEN.

In the suit brought by John Adamson, a taxpayer, to enjoin the Union Railway Company and the city from beginning operations under the franchise granted to it by the Board of Aldermen, on the ground that the grant was illegal because the consent of the owners of one-half the property was not secured and an offer of \$20,000 by another company was refused by the city, a demurrer was entered on behalf of the city. Judge Challen yesterday overruled the demurrer. He said that an agreement had been entered into between the city and the owners of the property, and that the city had wasted the public funds in refusing the offer of \$20,000. The complaint alleged that the action of the Aldermen was fraudulent and collusive, and this for the purpose of the decision must be taken as true. While the local authorities need not treat the consent as property still if fraudulently an offer to pay for the consent was rejected, this was a waste of the city's property. The case will soon be brought to trial.

THE WATER Famine ON THE HEIGHTS ENDED.

The water famine on Brooklyn Heights, which has for ten days caused great inconvenience to the people who live there, was broken at noon yesterday by a good flow which reached the top floors of the highest houses. The water was muddy and unwholesome, but its arrival was hailed with joy. People had just begun to despair of ever getting water again and at least one dweller in a brown-stone mansion in Monroe Place had put a pump in the basement of his house.

GATHERED ABOUT THE TOWN.

Martin Tropp, a well-known resident in the Eastern District, died on Saturday at his home, No. 187 North Fourth-st., from pneumonia. He had been sick only a few days. He was in his sixtieth year, and was for a long time a trustee of St. Matthew's German Lutheran Church, in North Fifth-st., near Driggs-ave. The funeral will take place there this afternoon. A widow and five adult children survive him. The burial will be in the Lutheran Cemetery, Middle Village.

The funeral of the late John Prentice, who died suddenly last week while visiting at his mother's home on the Heights, took place yesterday afternoon at his home, No. 170 Columbia Heights. The Rev. Drs. R. S. Storrs and C. B. Brewster conducted the services. There were many well-known residents of the city in attendance. The burial was in Green-wood.

The marriage of Edward A. Anderson to Anna Anderson was announced yesterday in the Supreme Court, on the ground that it was brought about by duress, the father and brothers of the girl having threatened to shoot Anderson if he did not consent to the ceremony. He never lived with his wife.

The Coroner was asked yesterday to investigate the cause of the sudden death of Ellen Duffy, fourteen years old, of No. 671 Hick-st., which was regarded as suspicious. The girl was housekeeper for her father, who is separated from his wife. There were six other children in the family. The girl was taken ill on Thursday, and Dr. T. L. Fogarty found symptoms pointing to malpractice.

P. H. McNulty, who recently complained to the Board of Aldermen of the filthy condition of the cars on the Jay and South-st. line, with good results, sent to the Aldermen yesterday a complaint in regard to the way the cars are run, without reference to time and the comfort of passengers. It was referred to the Railroad Committee.

OPERA PROSPECTS BRIGHTEN.

A MEETING OF METROPOLITAN STOCKHOLDERS.—TWO PLANS TO BUY THE HOUSE. A meeting of stockholders of the Metropolitan Opera House Company was held yesterday afternoon at a directors' room of the Mutual Life Insurance Company, at No. 32 Nassau-st., to consider action in regard to the forcible sale of the company's property, which will take place February 14. About thirty of the stockholders were present, among them being James A. Roosevelt, the president of the company; Henry Warren, Elbridge T. Gerry, Arthur D. Lavin, G. G. Haven, Edward Cooper, George Pabody Wetmore, William H. Tillinghast, George Kemp, George F. Baker, H. McK. Twombly and Henry Clegg, Mr. Gerry presided.

The plan formed some time ago for the purchase of the house and its preservation for opera by Henry Warren and others was proposed by Mr. Warren at the meeting and was discussed. Its details have already been published. It looked like the formation of a new company with a capital of \$1,000,000, divided into twenty shares of \$50,000 each, to be held by about twenty subscribers. It is proposed to rent the opera house at a sum sufficient to pay the interest on the amount required for the capitalization of \$1,000,000 for the purchase, for fitting up and reopening the house. By the terms of the rental fee performances of opera must be given in the course of the winter season, and the stockholders of the company are to accept boxes for these performances in lieu of interest on their investments. If at any time a debt of \$50,000 should be accumulated the house is to be sold again. The subscribers thus far secured under this plan are Adrian Belin, J. Pierpont Morgan, J. Wood Wright, Cornelius and William K. Vanderbilt, Robert and Ogden Goeliet, Luther Knott, W. Seward Webb, Edward Cooper, Mary Warren, John Jacob Astor, H. McK. Twombly, Adrian Belin, Jr., and William D. Sloane. These fifteen have taken only thirteen shares.

Another plan was proposed at the meeting of yesterday by Henry Clegg in the form of a resolution "that the chair appoint a committee of three to confer personally or by correspondence with all the stockholders, with a view of securing as many as possible to join in the purchase of the Metropolitan Opera House Company property and the Metropolitan In-

provement Company property at the auction sale the 14th day of February, providing the committee succeed in securing at least thirty-four stockholders to come in, then the committee to be authorized to buy the property for and in their behalf, providing its purchase can be made at a price not to exceed \$1,750,000."

This resolution was adopted, and the chairman appointed as the committee Henry Clegg, J. Pierpont Morgan and Charles Lanier. The plan proposed by Mr. Warren was also adopted as an alternative in case Mr. Clegg's plan should not succeed, and Mr. Warren was appointed chairman of a committee to carry it out. Mr. Clegg and Mr. Warren will have a meeting today, and it is thought probable that the two plans will in some way be harmonized.

There seems to be a general settled conviction that the Metropolitan Opera House will again be used for opera. The various schemes for making it a hotel or a circus, or a railway station have been entirely left sight of, and the plans for a new company to conduct it as an opera house occupy the field again. The property for any other purpose would not be likely to bring much beyond the value of the land, while those who want it for opera can afford to pay something more than that. If the plans discussed yesterday are successful the house will probably be disposed of just as it was to be this year—that is, it will be rented to Abner, scheduled to Grand. The play of a permanent circus was disposed of yesterday by Mr. Hamilton, the agent of J. A. Bailey, who declared positively that Mr. Bailey had never thought of buying the opera house.

HOME NEWS.

PROMINENT ARRIVALS AT THE HOTELS.

ALBEMARLE—Baron von Moltke, of the German Legation at Washington. BRIEVOORT—Charles E. Perkins, president of the Chicago Burlington and Quincy Railroad Company. FIFTH AVENUE—Senator Nelson W. Aldrich, of Rhode Island; Congressmen H. D. Powers of Vermont, and John M. Weaver, of Plattsburg, N. Y.; Arthur Sewall, of Maine, and Ferdinand W. Peck, of Chicago. MURRAY HILL—Ex-Congressman R. C. Parsons, of Ohio. STURGEVANT—Governor Robert J. Bonomi, of New Jersey. BROADWAY—General A. P. Martin, of Boston, and Charles F. Peck, of Albany. WINDSOR—Marion Huggins, of Chicago.

WHAT IS GOING ON TO-DAY.

Rapid Transit Commissioners, No. 22 William-st., 2 p. m.
Trust Line presidents' meeting.
C. W. Gardner's case, Court of General Sessions.
Board of Aldermen, City Hall, 1 p. m.
Police and Police Commissioners' meetings.
Protestant Episcopal Church Hospital and Dispensary benefit, Palmer's Theatre, afternoon.
Academy of Medicine, special meeting, No. 21 West Forty-third-st., 8 p. m.
Kane Lodge, No. 451, E. & A. M., Masonic Temple, 8 p. m.
H. Ridley & Sons' Employees' Relief Fund entertainment, Lenox Lyceum, 8:15 p. m.
Annual meeting New-York Kindergarten Association, Plaza Hotel, 8:30 p. m.

NEW-YORK CITY.

Ex-Chamberlain Richard Croker and Corporation Clerk Clark will start on a trip to the South on Thursday. It was given out yesterday that Mr. Croker intends getting back in time to go to the inauguration. The Committee on Rules of the Board of Aldermen will meet to-day to consider the propriety of changing the regular hour of meeting from 1 p. m. on Tuesday to some other hour. The Committee on Salaries and Offices met yesterday afternoon and prepared its list of Commissioners of Deeds.

An interesting and attractive entertainment will be given in the Lenox Lyceum, at Madison-ave, and Fifty-ninth-st., this evening, for the benefit of the relief fund of the employees of E. Ridley & Sons. The object is an excellent one, and those who attend the entertainment will not only be enjoying the performance but will have the satisfaction that they are helping a well-managed and admirable institution.

The failure of Harris & Co., members of the Consolidated Stock and Petroleum Exchange, was announced yesterday.

Ex-Mayor Grant reappeared in the neighborhood of the City Hall yesterday, having removed his office from No. 45 Exchange Place, where he began business for himself the day after turning the city government over to Mayor Gilroy, to No. 261 Broadway. Here he has established the offices of the Railway Advertising Company, of which he has become the president.

The messengers at the Custom House and the Appraiser's stores have employed Frank Sperry to go to Washington to try to get the President to make them subject to the Civil Service rules. They draw salaries of \$340 a year.

Cotton prices declined eleven points yesterday, owing to fear that the Anti-Option bill would pass the Senate today. Cotton brokers here are inclined to believe the bill will go through the upper House, and are anxious about its fate in the lower one.

"Arizona Reader."—Edward S. Stokes was found guilty of murder in the first degree on his first trial, and was sentenced to be hanged. The Court of Appeals granted a second trial. On this second trial he was found guilty of a lower degree of crime, and served a term in State Prison.

The amount of duty due on goods remaining in store at the Port of New-York on November 1, 1892, according to returns completed yesterday, was \$18,925,996.14. The open bonds amount to \$12,725,000. The amount of goods is said to be the largest ever held in store. The goods have been sent here in large amounts by foreign firms, in the hope of selling them. If not sold they will go back.

Domitila Odette, who arrived in the steamer of the French Line steamship La Gasconne yesterday, brought a valise full of gold and silver watches. He said he was going to start a jewelry store. As he had not declared them dutiable they were seized, but will be released on payment of duty.

The warmer weather, rain and fog have so reduced the quantity and softened the little remaining ice to such an extent that the steamer C. H. Northam, of the New-Haven Line, has resumed her trips, leaving Pier No. 25, East River, at 11:30 p. m., as heretofore.

A sale of paintings by well-known American and European artists will be held on Thursday and Friday evenings at the Fifth Avenue Auction Rooms, No. 235 Fifth-ave. The paintings are from the collection made by Samuel Schwartz, and include examples by Edward, Leon and Percy Moran, Constant Mayer, Buck, Lajos, Dupre, Van Lecompt and others.

The Linnaean Society of New-York will meet in the American Museum of Natural History to-morrow evening to listen to addresses by J. A. Allen and Frank M. Chapman.

Owing to the serious nature of his illness, the Rev. Dr. J. H. Worcester, professor of systematic theology in the Theological Seminary, has been obliged to give up his class work entirely for the present. Dr. Worcester intends to leave the city in a few days to get a change of air and surroundings.

Colonel James S. Clarkson, who has been confined to his room for several days with a severe cold and a slight attack of rheumatism, was much improved in health yesterday. He did not receive any visitors during the day, as his physician had advised absolute quiet. He will probably be able to be out in a day or two.

THE BENEFIT FOR MRS. BISHOP. The benefit which was given at Daly's Theatre yesterday afternoon for Mrs. Elleanor Fletcher Bishop, the mother of Washington Irving, was attended by a large audience, and the receipts amounted to about \$2,000. Mr. Daly's company played Lord Tenison's "The Foresters," which was thoroughly enjoyed. In addition to "The Foresters" Miss Marie Tempest sang two songs, "A Summer Night" and "The Nightingale." The success of the benefit is most gratifying to the many friends of Mrs. Bishop, who is altogether worthy of any assistance which she can receive.

THE RELEASED DYNAMITE LANDS HERE AND DISAPPEAR—DISAPPOINTMENT OF THE IRISH NATIONAL LEAGUE. Thomas Callan, the man who had recently been released from an English prison, where he was confined as a "dynamite" man, arrived in this city yesterday on the Hamburg American steamer Forest Bismarck. His name was not on the steamer's first cabin passenger list, and as soon as the steamer was moored alongside her pier at Hoboken he went ashore and disappeared. It is supposed that he went to Lowell, Mass., where he has friends and relatives. He had no baggage with him, with the exception of a small handbag. Callan was imprisoned on the charge of carrying dynamite with the intention of blowing up the English House of Commons. He claimed to be an American citizen, but was confined by the British courts. Recently he was released, and at once engaged his passage for America.

The Irish National League wanted to give Mr. Callan a reception when he arrived here yesterday, and a meeting was held to meet him at the pier and take him to No. 51 East One-hundred-and-seventh-st., the rooms of the League. Mr. Callan was on land when the ship arrived, but Mr. Callan walked ashore quietly and went to his destination. He came in the second cabin of the steamer, and few of the ship's crew who had the quiet and retreat man was Callan formerly lived in Lowell, and he took a fellow-passenger that would go to that city as soon as he landed. He went on board the steamer at Southampton, and his name was added in ink to the list of second cabin passengers as "Herr Callan." Callan was convicted in 1888. It was a great disappointment to his many friends in New-York that they could not meet him on his arrival.

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ETNA LIFE Insurance Co.

OF HARTFORD, CONN., January 1, 1893.

ASSETS, January 1, 1892, at cost \$15,926,471.04

RECEIPTS.	
Premiums in 1892	\$4,546,769.88
Interest	1,850,441.43
Premiums (Accident)	75,000.00
Interest (Accident)	1,087.47
	\$6,553,258.81
Disbursements	\$12,179,129.88

DISBURSEMENTS.

Death Claims	\$2,121,747.95
Matured Endowments	1,034,037.98
Dividends to Policyholders and for Surrendered	1,038,514.44
Policy Loans	589,738.29
Agency Expenses, Medical Examinations, and all other expenses	209,743.67
Dividends on Stock, earned in Stock Department	125,000.00
Taxes and other	129,945.99
Death and Indemnity Claims	34,781.04
Expenses (Accident)	30,825.86
	\$5,361,912.89

Assets, Dec. 31, 1892, at cost \$27,117,511.99

Real Estate acquired by Foreclosure	\$285,050.65
Real Estate Building	209,890.00
Certificates of Deposit made	1,199,375.10
Cash on hand and in Banks	2,532,212.19
U. S. Bonds	435,859.09
Railroad and other Stocks and Bonds	2,338,738.63
Bank Stocks	1,017,850.04
State, County, City and Town Bonds	9,178,949.55
Monies secured by Real Estate, valued at 80%	107,678.00
Real Estate on Call	17,882,727.13
44% Value (25% 100%)	335,009.62
Loans on existing policies	\$1,271,705.32
Assets (Balance Sheet)	17,311.86
Assets, Dec. 31, 1892, at cost	\$37,117,511.99
Interest due and accrued	490,197.93
Premiums in course of collection	127,474.71
Quarterly and Semi-Annual Premiums (less 20% per cent)	209,277.75
Market value of Securities over cost	726,055.09
Gross Assets Jan. 1, 1893	\$38,675,518.07

LIABILITIES.

Loans and claims awaiting further proof and not yet due	\$258,106.91
Dividends to Policyholders not yet due	309,812.24
Premiums paid in advance	4,552.57
This payable	8,052.62
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RESERVE AS REGARDS POLICYHOLDERS.

By Cash, Mass. and New-York Standard Life, Endowment and Term Policies in New York	\$6,065,039.97
Life, Endowment and Term Policies in New York	\$13,778,465.91
Standard	\$2,471,104.00
Accident Policies issued in 1892, 5,778	19,290,750.30

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